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Ms. Tisa,

Air sampling in all educational spaces at Estabrook School indicates that the polychlorinated biphenyl (PBC) concentrations are currently being managed to a level below 200ng/m³. The proposed Estabrook School Operation and Maintenance plan outlines the process and procedures that will be implemented to maintain the existing levels until a new school is constructed.

The Lexington Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Paul Ash, filed an Emergency Statement of Interest (SOI) with the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) on Friday November 5, 2010. The SOI explained the PBC contamination at Estabrook School and the need to prioritize the replacement of the school. The Lexington School Committee recently voted to make replacement of the Estabrook School as the number one priority for the district for funding support from the MSBA.

On January 19th, a Senior Study was conducted at Estabrook School by MSBA and their consultants with Superintendent Ash, Principal Sandra Trach, and me. The purpose of the Senior Study is to review the current condition of the school and confirm the need expressed in the Emergency SOI. A report will be developed from the Senior Study for review at future MSBA Board meetings. MSBA will notify Superintendent Ash as soon as a decision is made by MSBA on the decision to support the school replacement.

It is expected that the new Estabrook School will cost in the range of \$30,000,000. Such expenditure will require support by Town Committees, Town Meeting and a debt exclusion vote of the Town registered voters. We expect that the earliest we can complete the process to gain voter support for the funding, design the new school, and construct the new school and open it for students would be for the fall 2014 school year. There is a possibility that the process could be delayed, and should that happen we will send you an updated schedule.

Let me know if you have any questions.


Pat Goddard